

Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing entitled “The State of Interoperable Communications: Perspectives From State and Local Governments,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 4742, To amend title 35, United States Code, to allow the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to waive statutory provisions governing patents and trademarks in certain emergencies; and S. 1785, Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2005, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to begin hearings entitled “The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act—Are We Fulfilling the Promise We Made to These Veterans of the Cold War When We Created the Program,” Part 1, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled “How the Federal Marketing Administrations Are Implementing the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and An Assessment of the Proposed Fiscal Year Budgets for These Agencies,” 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 4167, National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the United States Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission Fiscal Year Budget Requests, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2007 for the following Agencies: the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on MedPAC’s March Report on Medicare Payment Policies, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources to examine the settlement of Cobell v. Norton, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 2271, USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments Act, with a vote on final passage of the bill to occur at 10 a.m.

Following the joint meeting, Senate will resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, USA PATRIOT, Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act, with votes on certain procedural matters relating to cloture.

(At 10:30 a.m., Senators will meet in the Senate Chamber to proceed to the House of Representatives for a Joint Meeting of Congress, to begin at 11 a.m., to receive an address from Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of Italy.)

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: The House will convene in Joint Meeting with the Senate for the purpose of receiving the Honorable Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy. Afterwards, the House will begin consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Con. Res. 316—Raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by establishing January 2006 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”; (2) H. Res. 357—Honoring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; (3) H. Con. Res. 335—Honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 97th anniversary; and (4) S. 2271—USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments Act of 2006.

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